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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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REMARKS

As a result of this amendment, claims 8, 9, 13-15, 17, 18, 28, 32, 34, and 38-48 are now pending in this application. Of these, claims 13-15 and 32 were identified in the Office Action as allowed. Claims 28, 34, and 38 were identified as allowable if rewritten in independent form, and are amended in conformance with this identification.

Newly added claims 39-48 stem from an allowed or allowable claim and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims. New claims 41-48 find original support at least at page 4, lines 17-19. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Response to Specification Objection

The title of the invention was objected to as not being descriptive. In response, applicant has amended the title to read “Image System Having Redundant Pixel Groupings,” and thus requests respectfully that the objection be withdrawn.

Response to Claim Objections

Claims 16, 33, and 35 were objected to because of informalities. This amendment cancels these claims and therefore moots these objections.

Response to §102 Rejections

Claims 7, 16, and 35 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Chow (U.S. Patent No. 6,201,234). In response, applicant submits that this amendment cancels these claims and therefore moots the rejection. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce the subject matter of these claims in one or more continuation applications.

Response to §103 Rejections

Claims 8, 9, 17, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Chow et al. In response, applicant notes that these claims have been amended to stem from claims that have been identified as containing allowable subject matter, thereby mooting this §103 rejection.

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Conclusion

In view of the amended claims, applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all remaining rejections. Further, applicant invites the Examiner to telephone its patent counsel Eduardo Drake at (612) 349-9593 to resolve any issues which might delay allowance.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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